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Well Done.

Not what you say
Or wish or hope,
While through the darkness
Hers you grope;
But what you do,
And what you are
In heart and thought
And character,
This only makes you great,
And this,
If clothed in Jesus' righteousness,
Will open Heaven's gate.
Sell all and buy
This precious gem,
And wear it as
A diadem,
A heart that's clean,
A mind that's pure,
Will prompt to deeds
Which shall endure.
So God will own you as his son,
And say
To you when ends life's little day:
"Well done! my child, well done!"
—J. H. Hoadley, in N. Y. Independent.

Waterloo, Iowa.

On the 13th of Jan., upon the receipt of an alarming letter from the doctor informing us of our daughter's critical condition, wife and I immediately left Dayton, Ohio, for this place. On the morning of the 15th we were by the bed-side of our dear Ida, who notwithstanding being apparently at death's door, recognized us, her countenance showing pleasure on account of our presence. The temperature very high, her pulse quick and fast, too weak to move she managed to answer a number of questions intelligently and make known a few requests. Since then she seems gradually growing weaker. Congestion of the brain is the trouble, and few recover. The doctors are hopeless, and we are grieved to think that her young life will soon go out. It may be true "while there is life there is hope," but now we are here two weeks already awaiting a change for the better or the end of suffering. We have prayed God for her delivery and in his own good time the answer will come, in one way or the other as seemeth best to His wisdom. Our will would restore her to her former soundness, to family and friends, but not ours but *Thy* will, oh God be done.

Waterloo and vicinity are places that I have long wished to visit because of the many relatives, old neighbors, and friends from the East, who in my young life were associated with me in school days, in play and work, in song, prayer, and preaching services of God's house, and the homes of glade and mountains.

We met with many old friends whom we did not see for over a score of years. We were kindly entertained, cheerfully taken from place, shared the hospitality of German Baptist and Progressive brethren, heard our Demosthenese—Bro. Bashor at Enon church, on the theme, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Expect to hear him tomorrow on the "Atonement."

I tried one evening to talk a little to the dear people. I met some of them in prayer meeting one night, and being asked the next night to the G. B. prayer meeting, the courtesy being extended, I participated in the services of each meeting, and under the circumstances had as enjoy-

able time as could be realized. The blizzard is gone, the sun shines, the snow is melting, the backbone of the winter under all probability is broken and ere long the prettiest body of ice you ever saw, clear as crystal, twenty inches thick, will go thundering and booming down past here over the Cedar river, towards the world-renowned, majestic Mississippi.

Within a few months of thirty-one years, I was here among the pioneer settlers, when the nearest railroad was one hundred miles away. Now the third road will soon be completed through to all points. Shanties and straw sheds have given place to fine commodious farm houses and elegant bank barns, and Waterloo the county seat, instead of a few temporary houses on one little short street is, on a Saturday, like a young Chicago, while the familiar plastic language of the "Pennsylvania Dutch" makes me think I am back among the old folks on the streets of Meyersdale or Somerset.

E. S. MILLER.

Notes by the Way.

At 8:02 p. m., Jan. 13, 1887, I boarded fast line at Johnstown, Pa., for North Liberty, O. Arrived safely next day, and was conveyed to Ankenytown where we met Bro. Cober who had inaugurated a protracted meeting a few evenings previous. On our arrival at the church we were greeted with a large congregation of intelligent people. We tried to entertain the audience evening after evening up to Dec. 30th, when we closed with a full house and good interest. Our immediate results 10 by baptism and one applicant.

During these meetings we had crowded houses, when the roads were in condition for travel, and fair congregations on very inclement nights. Under the existing circumstances, we had a very successful meeting and our associations with the members of the Ankenytown church were pleasant, and we shall ever cherish the kindness and love manifested to us, while amongst them. Thanks for your financial aid, and words of encouragement. We are visiting Ashland now and are in the B. E. office watching Bro. A. L. Garber, "ye editor," as he preaches by machinery to his many anxious listeners or readers. I will rest a few days, in this city, when I shall commence work at home until Feb. 25th, when we will be at North Liberty to hold a few meetings. After our return home we will give the readers of the B. E. a few notes on Ashland hospitality.

J. W. SMOUSE.

Feb. 1st, 1887.

Canaan, Ohio.

This week's number of the EVANGELIST, containing brother Brown's response to me is just received and contents noted. All right brother. I for one shall try to do better. Thanks.

The brother's private communication has also been received

in which he proposed to come to Canaan to deliver his California lecture, Feb. the 5th, as stated in his response. But owing to the fact that a protracted meeting was under consideration here at Canaan, which would probably be in progress at that time, it was thought best by some of the citizens to postpone the lecture until after the contemplated meeting. Owing to these circumstances the house in which the lecture was wanted to be held could also not be engaged at that time. Later I also received a postal card from the brother stating that he was going to the Miami Valley, Feb. the 8th, to hold a series of meetings.

Therefore with Bro. Brown's consent the California lecture at Canaan is now postponed until after he returns from the Valley, which according to his private statement, will not be until about April. However when the proper time does come ample notification will be given in the papers including the EVANGELIST, so that all who will, may come. Many are eagerly looking forward for the coming day when they shall hear P. J. Brown's California lecture in Canaan. We look for a crowded house.

J. B. YODER.

From Lanark, Ill.

We closed our protracted meeting at the end of the first week on account of other meetings being in progress at the same time. We intend to resume as soon as we see a favorable opening.

At this time Mr. J. B. Montague and Prof. A. B. Huckins are holding a gospel temperance revival in our town. They have had three meetings and have met with wonderful success. Mr. Montague is the orator and Prof. H. is the singer. The music and songs are charming and pathetic, and to say that the lectures are logical and forcible would not be telling it half: they are convincing, overwhelming, and almost resistless. They canvassed the state of Nebraska, and in two years took over 50,000 pledges. Mr. M. is a native of "Kaintuck" and seems to be proud of it. For a number of years he was in the mercantile business at Lincoln, Ill., where he still resides. He believes that he is called of God to this work, and he does it with his might. He is a deacon in the Baptist church, and takes hold of this work not as a politician or moralist, but as a Christian; not for gain, but for good. He refuses a standing offer of \$2,400 per annum, in an honorable business, and engages in this work at a sacrifice, having fallen short of expenses for himself and family \$500 in two years. He delights in his calling, and is pleased to be called a crank, "because," he says, "a crank is always on one side, and it always turns something." I pray and hope that God, in the use of such temperance cranks, will whirl intoxicating liquors as beverages out of existence. Amen.

J. W. BEER.

Reflecting Light.

What has become of the Gospel Messenger? Some week before the close of '86 it commenced to pay weekly visits to me. On the margin of the title page was printed "S. M. Minnich, Jan. 88." This I interpreted to mean that it would continue its visits to me until January, 1888. But its visits have ceased. As I have no receipt for money sent—nor did I send any—nor did I solicit its visits, I have no valid grounds for complaint.

For a number of years I have not been a subscriber, nor have I read the papers published by these brethren.

One who had read Bro. Holinger's papers for years and was in love with his "free rostrum," could not feel well with the anti-progressive course pursued by our brethren in editing the paper.

At the fireside, our brethren seemed in the foremost ranks with progressive Christianity, but independent thought found no place in the paper they controlled. Thus it appeared to the writer. But from the Old Order brethren's standpoint there was too much progress in the paper. The object of the brethren in the conservative course they pursued was, no doubt, to try to prevent the dismemberment of the church. But in trying to please all, as is usually the case, no one was pleased. It is probable that if our editorial brethren had followed the promptings of their hearts in the editorial management of the paper, that the "Dunkard" church today would not be divided into three separate organizations. It seems that our editors concluded that if the sayings of progressive and old order brethren were kept out of the paper that their doctrines could find no hold in the church. No one can say to an absolute certainty what the condition of the church would be today, if our editors had opened their columns to all who would fairly and honestly discuss the questions that disturbed the union and fellowship of the Brotherhood. One can hardly believe that a free and honest discussion could have been worse for the welfare of the church.

But we cannot change the past. We may, however, derive some useful lessons from its pages. Like causes produce like results. The sad results are plain, but the cause that produced them is not so easily comprehended. Love to God and love to man will bring us into sweet communion and fellowship with the Holy one. If we love not our brethren whom we have seen, how shall we love Him whom we have not seen? There are many leaders but only one infallible Leader. He must increase, all other leaders must decrease.

The press does not make public sentiment, it only reflects it. The press is not the light, it only reflects the light. Its reflections must not only be seen in the light, but its light must penetrate the darkness. If it knows not the darkness, it knows not where

to send forth its light. If we are in the light, we will cry higher! higher! higher!

S. M. MINNICH.

Andrews, Ind.

A Good Time at Ankenytown.

Notice was given before of the meetings at this place. Meeting continued for nearly three weeks, closing Jan. 30th. Bro. J. W. Smouse conducted these meetings. Our pastor, A. A. Cober, was in attendance the first week. The result was eleven additions; ten by baptism and one remaineth unbaptized yet. Surely our hearts were made glad to see those we love so dearly, come forth and confess Christ. May they not be weary in well doing and may they be the means of bringing many more to Christ. How we regret to see these meetings close and see so many standing outside of the church. But our prayer is that they may come before it is forever too late. Dear brethren and sisters, let us arise from the stool of do-nothing and work more earnestly for the Master's cause. If we bear the cross willingly it will soon bear us and lead us beyond the reach of all suffering where God shall take away all sorrow from our hearts.

Brother Smouse is an earnest worker: we feel that he has done a good work here. He leaves for his home in Vinco, Pa., today, Feb. 1st, with the promise of coming back to North Liberty in four weeks, to hold a meeting. May the Lord bless him in his work.

ELLA TEETER.

Cambria, Ind.

Jan. 22.—I met with the brethren at Flora, and passed a pleasant season with them. The brethren have a new church building, and now they feel that they are at home when they meet for the purpose of holding divine service. We held a communion meeting on Saturday. On Sabbath morning brother R. F. Mallott preached an able sermon on the word "Watch," Mark 13:27. The brethren at Flora have their church nearly finished.

We met many of the brethren and sisters that we never met before. Hoping to meet them, we thank them for the kindness shown us while with them.

O. H. CROUSE.

West Independence, Ohio.

We reorganized our Sunday School at the beginning of the new year. Bro. August Krabill was chosen Superintendent, and under his efficient management the school is growing both in number and interest. The penny collections for the month of January amounted to over five dollars. Our Bible meetings, which are held every Thursday evening are well attended and the interest good. Brethren, there is a bright future before us, let us thank God and take courage.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Fate is the friend of the good, the guide of the wise, the tyrant of the foolish, the enemy of the bad.